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*Congo: Rebel activity continues unabated.

The US consul in Bukavu reports that rebels are attacking the city but believes if the Congo Army (ANC) force there does not panic, Bukavu can be held. There are two T-28s available to the defenders as well as some American and Belgian advisers.

The rebellion in Kwilu, which has been relatively quiet recently, may be about to erupt seriously again.

[redacted] about 2,000 rebels have gathered south of Kikwit, some armed with "new-looking" automatic weapons.

Two months ago, Kwilu was garrisoned by four ANC battalions, now there is only one in the area.

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*British Guiana: Arrests earlier this week in Georgetown may lead to charges implicating the principal anti-Jagan opposition party in the violence of recent months.]

[The police commissioner in Georgetown told the US consul that all those arrested were active members of Forbes Burnham's People's National Congress (PNC). He expressed the opinion that the matter "might reach high" into the party. The commissioner believes that proof will be found of the identity of those responsible for the July bombing of the headquarters of Jagan's party.]

[Burnham on 11 August expressed concern that those arrested might implicate him, but denied involvement in the violence. The consul comments that Burnham is disliked in certain official quarters in the colony, and that a number of British officials "would love to nail him."]

[By virtue of his official position, Jagan is fully informed on these developments, and can be expected to try to fasten the blame on the PNC for the violence of recent months.]

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OAS-Cuba: Bolivia probably will soon announce that it has broken relations with Cuba.

Bolivian Foreign Minister Iturralde told the US ambassador on 13 August that the cabinet has approved the break, subject to consultation with the central committee of the ruling Nationalist Revolutionary Movement. Approval by the central committee is usually pro forma.

Action by Bolivia on the Cuban issue would increase pressure on Uruguay to come to an early decision regarding its relations with the Castro regime. US Embassy contacts in Montevideo indicate that a consensus may be developing in the National Council of Government to break relations. There is sentiment in the Uruguayan Foreign Ministry, however, to delay a decision by supporting Mexico's request for a legal opinion from the International Court of Justice.

There are no present indications that Mexico intends to break relations with Cuba.

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Jordan: [King Husayn today begins a week's visit
in Cairo, where Nasir will probably press him to ac-
cept Soviet arms, including MIG-21s.]

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[The pres-
sure on Husayn will increase as the 5 September meet-
ing of Arab heads of state approaches.]

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USSR-Afghanistan: Soviet surface-to-air missile (SAM) equipment has been observed for the first time in Kabul. Afghanistan's interest in SAMs appears to be based mainly on prestige considerations--the deal was arranged hurriedly to allow for display of the equipment on 23 August, Afghan independence day. Afghanistan's air defense will continue to be limited for some time to antiaircraft artillery and MIG-15/17 aircraft.

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